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SENATE DRS15346-MGz-96A* (04/13)

Short Title: Improve Child Care Nutrition/Activity Stnds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Purcell, Dannelly, Preston, and Walters.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE CHILD CARE COMMISSION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DIVISION OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, TO DEVELOP IMPROVED NUTRITION STANDARDS FOR CHILD CARE FACILITIES, AND TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT TO STUDY AND RECOMMEND GUIDELINES FOR INCREASED LEVELS OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN CHILD CARE FACILITIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON CHILDHOOD OBESITY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 110-91(2) reads as rewritten:

- "(2) Health-Related Activities. The Commission shall adopt rules for child care facilities to ensure that all children receive nutritious food and beverages according to their developmental needs. After consultation with the State Health Director, The Commission shall consult with the Division of Child Development of the Department of Health and Human Services to develop nutrition standards shall to provide for requirements appropriate for children of different ages. The nutrition standards shall include all of the following:
 - <u>a.</u> <u>A prohibition against serving sugar sweetened beverages to children of any age.</u>
 - <u>b.</u> <u>A requirement to serve reduced fat milk to children older than two years of age.</u>
 - c. A prohibition against serving more than four to six ounces of juice per day to children over one year of age.

Each child care facility shall have a rest period for each child in care after lunch or at some other appropriate time and arrange for each child in care to be out-of-doors each day if weather conditions permit."

SECTION 2. The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development, shall examine the current levels of physical activity children receive in child care facilities and review model physical activity guidelines. Not later than September 1, 2011, the Division shall report its findings and recommendations for increasing physical activity levels in child care facilities, with a goal of reaching model guidelines, to the Legislative Task Force on Childhood Obesity if reestablished for the 2011-2012 Session, to the Public Health Committee, and to the Fiscal Research Division.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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